

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5

Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4
Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr. District No. 7
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON FINANCE met on Monday, October 15, 2001, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Council Member District No. 5, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk to County Council. Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Council Member District No. 8 was excused from the meeting.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Council Members and the News media.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order with the first item on the agenda; Consideration prior to First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing: (1) the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement among Berkeley County, South Carolina (the "County"), and SJP, LLC and Pearlstine Distributors, Inc., (collectively, the "Company"); (2) payment by the company of certain fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes; and (3) certain other matters related thereto.

It was moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Mims to send the Ordinance forward for First Reading. The motion was passed by majority voice vote of the Committee; with Council Member Spooner voting "Nay."

Next item on the agenda:

Review prior to Second Reading of Bill No. 01-52, An Ordinance to amend the agreement for development of a Joint County Industrial Park executed on April 24, 1995, by and among Berkeley County, South Carolina, and Williamsburg County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated industrial business park so as to include additional property in both Berkeley

County and Williamsburg County as part of the joint county industrial park, and other matters relating thereto.

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Farley to send Bill No. 01-52 forward for Second reading. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Committee on Justice and Public Safety, Council Member Milton Farley, Chairman.

Council Member Farley reported the Committee met on October 8.

Council Member Farley moved to accept the recommendation to approve additional funds for Probate Court in the amount of \$3,500, to come from contingency. (NO SECOND REQUIRED)

Mr. Rozier expressed his understanding that \$.25 of every mini-bottle sold in the State of South Carolina was to go toward the funding of Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation. Now the State is requiring the County to fund these programs. Mr. Rozier stated, "if it came to a tie vote he would vote against this one." Mr. Rozier questioned Judge Kirk as to whether the State mandated the county to pay for this service?

Probate Judge Kirk expressed that they had not. This is a Statutory Law we are to uphold, but the county has not been deemed responsible for the funding.

Judge Kirk, explained to the Committee that the monies that are being requested are to fund a physician examining a person whom a relative has alleged to be chemically dependant. The cost of this exam is approximately \$50. Our Chief Justice has addressed a letter indicating they will no longer pay for this service. Judge Kirk also indicated that the monies that Mr. Rozier was referring to is used to fund other things for the State, and "hopefully is going to assist the effort against chemical dependency."

The motion was passed by majority voice vote of Council; with Council Member Davis voting "Nay."

2. Committee on Public Works & Purchasing, Council Member William E. Crosby, Chairman.

Chairman Crosby reported the Committee met earlier tonight.

Chairman Crosby moved to accept the recommendation to upgrade a Mosquito Abatement position to a Field Tech I, Grade 14, in the amount of \$1,542, to come from line item transfers. (NO SECOND REQUIRED)

The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Crosby moved to approve the balance to replace a vehicle for Mosquito Abatement in the amount of \$2,472, to come from line item transfers. (NO SECOND REQUIRED)

The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Vaughn next addressed the addendum to the Finance agenda, Review prior to First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 95-6-20 which established the Devon Forest Special Tax District and the Devon Forest Special Tax District Advisory Commission.

It was moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Mims to send the Ordinance to amend Devon Forest Special Tax District Advisory Commission forward for First Reading. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Spooner to adjourn the Committee on Finance. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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ADDENDUM:

D. Review prior to First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 95-6-20 which established the Devon Forest Special Tax District and the Devon Forest Special Tax District Advisory Commission.

October 11, 2001
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk to County Council

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There will be a Meeting of the COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, on Monday October 15, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, immediately following a meeting of the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing, the Committee on Land Use, the Committee on Planning and Development, at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

A. Consideration prior to First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing: (1) the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement among Berkeley County, South Carolina (the "County"), and SJP, LLC and Pearlstine Distributors, Inc., (collectively, the "Company"); (2) payment by the company of certain fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes; and (3) certain other matters related thereto.

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C. **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Council Member Milton Farley, Chairman
Probate Court: Additional funds for department.
2. Committee on Public Works & Purchasing
Council Member William E. Crosby, Chairman
Mosquito Abatement: Additional funds for department.

October 10, 2001
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk to County Council